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- [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [City of Abilene Environmental Recycling Center](#)
- [City of Abilene - Waste Disposal Information](#)
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## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

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Stormwater Services Division

# STORMWATER PROTECTION

Stormwater is rainwater and snow or ice melt. When stormwater flows across parking lots and streets, it can pick up pollutants that empty directly into our creeks and lakes through Abilene's storm drain system. Pollutants entering these drains flow untreated to the water bodies that we use for drinking water, swimming and fishing.

Best management practices (BMPs) are specific steps to prevent stormwater pollution as a result of day-to-day activities. All employees must make every effort to keep pollutants from going down the storm drain by putting the following BMPs into practice.

## GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

- Keep outdoor areas free from trash, dirt, litter and debris.
- Keep lids closed on dumpsters and recycle containers.
- Maintain storm drainage systems and permanent stormwater BMPs (visit [abilenestormwater.com](http://abilenestormwater.com) for information about maintenance and training)
- Protect storm drains during maintenance work or construction projects.
- Discharge all wastewater to a sanitary sewer.

## SPILLS & LEAKS

- Keep outdoor areas free from spills and leaks. Keep spill kits available for cleaning up spills.
- Sweep and inspect parking areas regularly.
- Protect storm drains when cleaning or painting outside
- Use dry cleanup methods only.
- If a spill occurs, control, contain, and clean up immediately using dry cleanup practices. Clean up and dispose of dirty absorbent properly. If a spill reaches the storm drain system, notify Abilene's Stormwater Services by calling 325-437-4937



## OUTDOOR MATERIAL STORAGE & HANDLING

- Do not store mulch, soil, or other landscaping materials in the street or on other impervious surfaces. If these materials must be stored, make sure they are covered and contained.
- Cover and provide secondary containment for materials and containers stored outside.

## OUTDOOR WASHING & CLEANING

- Discharge fire suppression system water to the sanitary sewer or to landscaping or comply with TCEQ requirements.
- Collect wastewater from pressure-washing activities. If using a contract service provider, ensure they are implementing BMPs.
- Conduct regular maintenance of sand/oil separators in designated car wash areas to ensure there is proper drainage and water treatment.
- Discharge wastewater from cooling towers and blow down from boilers to sanitary sewer.

## BEST BEHAVIORS

- Limit the application of sand/salt, deicer, fertilizer, pesticides, paints, and other chemicals by employees, tenants, and contractors.
- Make sure all contractors, including landscapers, pressure washers, hood cleaners, painters, and carpet cleaners, are aware of their responsibility to protect stormwater drains.
- Dispose of wastewater, including chlorinated water, fire suppression water, HVAC, or boiler cleaning water, pool water, street sweeping water, and storm drain cleaning water to a sanitary sewer, or use BMPs outlined in permits and guidance.